

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 639

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Major General William M. Maloan on his recent promotion and recognize his service to the people of Tennessee and the United States of America.

WHEREAS, our nation was conceived by individuals who were willing to sacrifice their personal safety and concerns to ensure our individual and collective freedom, and the Volunteer State is especially proud to be the home of so many valiant men and women who have performed above and beyond the call of duty; and

WHEREAS, thousands of Tennesseans continue the State's time-honored tradition of volunteerism through service in the Tennessee Army National Guard; and

WHEREAS, one such Tennessean is Major General William M. Maloan, Assistant Adjutant General – Army, Tennessee National Guard; on January 30, 2009, he received the promotion from Brigadier General to Major General, a testament to his remarkable leadership abilities, extensive training and education, and long experience as a member of the TNARNG; and

WHEREAS, writing in the Officer Evaluation Report he filed in support of Major General Maloan's recent promotion, Major General Gus L. Hargett, Adjutant General – Army, Tennessee National Guard, wrote, "BG Maloan is an outstanding contributor to this organization. His representation of the Tennessee National Guard on the national level, both at the Adjutant General's National Security Seminar, and the US Army War College has been a tremendous asset to the state. He has attended numerous exercises both in support of, and in preparation for, the Vigilant Guard 08 exercise. He cares deeply for the soldier and the soldier's family. He represented the state at the National Family Programs Conference in Chicago, IL, and has attended numerous SRP's in support of mobilization and family support groups. He is directly

responsible for the training and supervision of more than 10,000 soldiers of the TNARNG. His calm, polished demeanor provides an effective blend of strong leadership, and personal compassion. Mike must be promoted to MG immediately”; and

WHEREAS, as Assistant Adjutant General, Major General Maloan commands the Tennessee Army National Guard; he is responsible for readiness and effectiveness in training, administration, and logistics for both State and Federal missions, and he directs, supervises, and coordinates the Headquarters TNARNG staff and Army Guard units; and

WHEREAS, General Maloan earned his Bachelor of Science degree in business administration at the University of Tennessee at Martin in 1972; he then attended law school at Memphis State University, receiving his Juris Doctor in 1974; and

WHEREAS, on December 17, 1988, William Maloan received a direct commission as a First Lieutenant in the Judge Advocate General’s Corps, and from the date of his commission until October 1994, he served as Judge Advocate, Headquarters, 194th Engineer Brigade, Nashville; in December 1989, Lieutenant Maloan received a promotion to Captain; and

WHEREAS, on November 7, 1994, Captain Maloan was promoted to Major; during the same month, he served as Staff Judge Advocate with the 194th in Nashville; and

WHEREAS, from December 1994 to August 2001, he served as Judge Advocate, Headquarters, 194th Engineer Brigade, Jackson; on March 14, 2000, he received a promotion to Lieutenant Colonel; and

WHEREAS, in September 2001, Lieutenant Colonel Maloan began serving as Staff Judge Advocate with the 194th in Jackson, and he remained in that position until July 2002 when he returned to Nashville for assignment as Deputy Staff Judge Advocate, State Area Command, TNARNG; and

WHEREAS, in December 2004, Lieutenant Colonel Maloan was reassigned as Staff Judge Advocate, Joint Forces Headquarters, TNARNG, Nashville, and he remained in this assignment through May 2007; on February 2, 2005, he received a promotion to Colonel; and

WHEREAS, with his promotion to Brigadier General on June 1, 2007, General Maloan assumed his current assignment, Assistant Adjutant General; and

WHEREAS, over the course of his military career, General Maloan has earned numerous awards and decorations, including the Meritorious Service Medal; the Army Commendation Medal, with one Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster; the Army Achievement Medal; the Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal, with four Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters; the National Defense Service Medal; the Armed Forces Reserve Medal, with Silver Hourglass Device; the Army Service Ribbon; the Army Reserve Components Overseas Training Ribbon, with Numeral Seven; the Tennessee National Guard Commendation Ribbon; the Tennessee National Guard Individual Achievement Ribbon; the Tennessee National Guard Service Ribbon; the Tennessee National Guard Volunteer Ribbon; and the Tennessee National Guard Outstanding Performance Unit Commendation Ribbon; and

WHEREAS, he has attended the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College and the U.S. Army War College, from which he earned a Master of Science degree in Strategic Studies; General Maloan also belongs to the National Guard Association of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, in civilian life, General William Maloan serves as Presiding Judge and Chancellor of the Twenty-seventh Judicial District for Weakley and Obion Counties; and

WHEREAS, the distinguished military career of Major General William Maloan can only be categorized as outstanding; he truly epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a genuine Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud General Maloan for his dedication to the people of Tennessee and the nation of which it is a part; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Major General William M. Maloan on his recent promotion, express to him our most heartfelt appreciation for his service to the people of Tennessee and the United States of America, and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.